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Strange Christmas

Perhaps in all world history there was never so strange a Christmas with less prospect of peace on earth or good will among men than we celebrated last week. Yet mounting crisis in the world, like rising fever in disease, brings growing pressure upon men to find the cure. And Christmas is the annual reminder that a cure exists—sure to all man's ills available to any man at any time he makes up his mind to take it.

The world is in the mess it's in because men make up their minds to get along the best they can without this Christmas remedy. And the best they can is not good enough—not half good enough. "We'll still manage to get along in this selfish world," they say, "without having to take the painful remedy for selfishness." Or they try to deal with selfishness in other people and other nations by imposing restrictions or waging wars.

But there was once a man who saw he had to deal with selfishness beginning with himself. "Father," he said, "if it pleases thee, take this cup away from me. Let thy will, not mine, be done." That man found the all-effective cure to the disease of selfishness that is baying waste the world. And Christmas is the eternal reminder of cure because Christmas is that man's birthday.

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Program Subject To Change

THE AMERICAN WAY

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

January 1, 1925

Miss Colette Smith spent Christmas with her parents, in West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson and Miss Hester Hanson spent Christmas in Grayling. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall.

Wm. A. McNeal, a former citizen of Grayling and employed as head boiler in the power house, is now foreman of the boiler works of the Pere Marquette Railroad shops.

Mrs. Charles Woodbury and daughters, Kathleen and Mary Lou, of Bay City spent a few days this week visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Clara McLeod.

Word from Detroit announces the birth of a nine pound son, Mitchell, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Younken on Tuesday, December 23rd. Mrs. Younken was formerly Miss Edna Rasmussen.

Miss Vella Hermann, who is teaching at Port Huron this year, is spending the holidays in the city.

Grayling is officially recorded as having ten inches of snow. The coldest weather is reported for the morning of Sunday, December 28, when the mercury reached eight below. Christmas morning occurred the first drop in temperature with five below. December 26, 4 below, and the 27th, 3 below. At this time there are steady snow flurries with normal seasonable temperature.

Mr. and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson spent Christmas in Detroit with their son, Benton, and family, who were guests of the E. A. Bowman family.

Alonso Collier, who has leased the Manistee house and opened the pool room and soft drink parlor, has subleased one side of the parlor to Hans Niederer to be used as a lunch room. Hans is a good cook and will no doubt be accorded a good patronage.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dunham on December 22.

The Bridge Club and their gentlemen enjoyed at fine Christmas dinner Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reagan. Mrs. Charles Tromble and Holger Hanson held the highest scores.

Miss Eleanor Gorman was hostess to thirteen of her girl friends Tuesday afternoon of last week in honor of her 13th birthday.

660 Crawford County children were entertained the day before Christmas by the Grayling Post, American Legion Post. Commander Alfred Hanson played Santa Claus and his helpers were all members of the post, Alvan LaChapelle, Oscar Deckrow, Ralph Hollowell, John Foster, Lawrence Roberts, Neil Matthews and Wilfred Laurant. George Miller, Jr., acted as chauffeur for Santa and Esbern Hanson very kindly loaned the Post his auto. 280 homes were visited and 660 children treated with candy goodies.

of a new frontier for the rugged, husky young men of Michigan. This frontier stands as a bold challenge to the male population while the other frontiers in medicine and exploration are slowly crumbling away.

Seeing a small notice in the newspaper that stated that on September 30 at 2 P. M. the first Michigan Canoe Marathon was to be held at Grayling, I took it to be a challenge to my canoeing ability and endurance.

At the first mention of what I intended to do with my buddy, Whip, and my parents thought I was crazy, but by talking up the possibilities I soon had them convinced that I was right about entering the race.

Work was commenced on getting a canoe ship-shape. Our canoe was originally a 17-foot stock model Grinnell Aircraft Aluminum with an empty weight of sixty pounds. We then went to work getting it ready for any and all obstacles which might confront us. The completed job had cost about \$500.00. It was a pound difference in weight of the bow man over the stern man. There was also a set of twin movable spotlights mounted as far forward as possible. The advantage of twin spotlights was that one would point ahead to show the way, while the other would be focused on the water directly in front of us to point out deadheads and other hidden obstacles below the surface.

We also considered personal comfort, for there were seat pads, canvas back-slings with stirrups to give the most power and ease with each stroke. Yes, "35" was complete even to the superstitious angle of three plus five which made eight, which is the birth mark on my hand. We were even lucky in drawing our starting position of seventh place. This, however, we soon gave up and settled down to ride out the first lap in the unlucky 13th position.

We figured that the first one hundred and two miles into "Mia" was going to be the fastest and easiest of the two hundred and forty. We were right about the first dam pond taking its toll, because we entered the portage as eleventh and came out the other side under the bridge in seventh place. Yes, things were getting better; we had shaken the jinx of number 13 and at the start of the second lap of the race we were riding the lucky seventh place again. We had taken care of everything from the taking on of coffee down to the coaxing of Lady Luck over to our side.

The next seventy-five miles of the second lap was looked forward to by us with great expectation because we were in the pink of condition. Yes, we were at our best when we reached the Mio portage. We paddled along through the night with our third passenger Lady Luck sitting in our laps. She stayed with us for about fifty miles; then out of the rising mist another canoe, the one that later placed fifth, overtook and passed us. When we were passed, we not only dropped our position, but we also lost our passenger. That's right, Lady Luck deserted us for this faster boat.

From that time on we were again unlucky "35" out of Detroit. Everything went wrong, we took water, we ran aground, and it was only the construction of the canoe that kept us in the race. There were others not so lucky as we, because when they went aground they tore the bottoms right out from under themselves.

Our trip was not all one of back-breaking work, but one that had its share of laughs. The biggest laugh was at the second portage, about two o'clock in the morning. We came up to the portage in seventh place, just ten minutes behind sixth. We piled out of the canoe into about ten inches of the coldest water the north could provide. We picked the canoe up and splashed through the chilling water, then staggered up and over the bank. Ahead of us lay the longest downhill stretch we had ever encountered up to now. Not to be stopped by a little run, which we needed, about as much as we needed two heads, we started off. First, we stumbled down the steps from the top of the dam; then we stumbled, tripped and fell sprawling down the incline of the hill, out on to the flat ground. Here on the flat ground we pulled ourselves together and again picked the canoe up. With knees banging together and our arms wrapped around the end of the canoe we again started for the water which was now as close as two hundred yards. We made those two hundred yards, which seemed like two hundred miles, I am sure, only by the good grace of the Almighty himself, because we could never have made it ourselves. After conquering the flat ground we had left only one last barrier to overcome. That was a six foot drop to the river itself. This drop was supposed to be made by lowering the canoe down gently by the two ropes, one at each end. No, not us, we did it the hard way. We pushed it in side ways off the bank and let it drop. By luck, it didn't capsize, but remained right. My buddy, being more monkey than anything else, jumped into the canoe and started to paddle, which was all right, except that I was still on the bank. In my foggy state of mind I had forgotten to get in the canoe. While he was attempting to retrieve me, I fell off the bank and was hanging half in and half out of the water when he pulled me into the canoe. Well, not everyone can get into a canoe from this position.

The rest of the night slowly trudged by, and being the person that I am, I like my sleep as well as anyone. So I tried to get in the seat of the canoe, still paddling. However, I found that sleep was intended to be taken in a bed not sitting in the stern of a canoe, paddling toward a \$500.00 goal. For you see, I went to sleep and fell off my perch.

Well, I would like to close by saying that I wouldn't have missed the race for all the tea in China. I sincerely hope that it is run again next year, and I plan on being there riding the stern of Lucky "35" out of Detroit.

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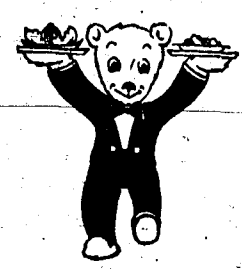

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Editor's Note: Following is the fifth essay in the Michigan Canoe Championship essay contest sponsored by Harold Sales, Mayor of Grayling. It was written by William McCulloch of Detroit, Mich., and earned him a \$5 prize. Lucky, Unlucky "35"

This year of 1947 saw the birth



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NORTHWOOD BOWLING ALLEYS

County Road

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laying the material out, one motor grader was used to outline the

limits of spread. This was done by using the heel of the blade and forming a V trench about 2 inches deep on each side of the 20 ft. width. This not only made a line for laying out, but also

gave us additional depth of material and prevented feather edges which is always a source of grief. After the laying out of the surfacing was completed, the tandem roller was used to compact it, usually taking about three hours to roll the 1,800 foot stretch.

As this was our first attempt at this type of work, we all had plenty to learn. I think we had all the different types of weather possible, wet, cold, dry and hot, so we got a pretty good chance to work under all sorts of conditions. We, of course, soon discovered that this material cannot be worked when too wet or too cold. Incidentally, we encountered difficulty in getting delivery of the S-C-3 oil and switched to M-C-3 which was available, and we had very satisfactory results.

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State Law

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checks due the claimant, provided he complies with all the legal requirements for payment. The last step is payment of the claim.

"The local office also makes the determination in instance in which the claimant is disqualified and payment refused. Further, the first step on an appeal is made to the local office's principal claims examiner.

"Heretofore, the only claims function locally was the actual taking of the claim, and passing out the check after it had been made out by the state administrative headquarters.

"Of course the regular employment service division of the local office will register and treat the claimant as heretofore, exposing him to whatever jobs are open, giving veterans and disabled workers particular service," Moore added.

"The State Office function of keeping interminable wage records, of making determinations and writing out the checks, resulted in occasional bottlenecks, and a mass layoff of huge proportions would tie up checks for the entire state," he said. "Now a mass layoff, if it occurs, will tie up only the area in which it occurs, if it ties any place at all."

For a period of several months after January 1, until a complete new schedule is completed, the Unemployment Compensation Commission will be maintaining two separate systems, the old one, to take care of claimants who have filed during the current year, and the new one to care for claimants who file new claims after January 1. As a result, there will not be a full scale switchover on January 1, as only about 25% of the claimants will come under the new provisions in the first few months.

Claimants whose "benefit year" began on April 1 or July 1, or October 1, 1947, will be served in the "old style," and it is expected that those claimants will not be decentralized until some period between April 1 and June 1, 1948.

Conservation

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year. Public auctions and over-the-counter sales of properties on the market put \$7,377 acres of land and 3,448 platted lots into private ownership. Total receipts for these sales was \$226,000.

In the past twelve months oil and gas leasing activities on state lands netted the general fund of the state approximately \$835,000.

FORESTS—Receipts from sales of timber from state forest lands, which continued to maintain the war-time level, totaled \$123,000 for the year. Demand was high for nursery stock for private and public reforestation projects and all available stock was distributed, about half the amount disposed of in 1946. In preparation for the large scale planting program planned for state forests, a seed collection campaign was carried on in the fall.

LAW ENFORCEMENT—Employment of 56 new conservation officers now undergoing a six month training course is the department's answer to a continued



THE TWAIN MEETS . . . It was only a matter of time until the American custom of chewing bubble gum stretched over to China. Here, Ma Pei-Tung of Honan province enjoys his first experience with the stuff.

disregard of conservation laws which has been the cause of an increased number of violations reported and violators arrested in the past year. Sparing rainbow trout, netting and dynamiting of streams and rivers, and headlighting lead the list of violations in 1947.

FOREST FIRE CONTROL—With the fire hazard in October the worst since 1936, forest fires in Michigan in 1947 reached a total of 1,555, cost the lives of three fire fighters, and burned over 23,480 acres of state protected forest land. During the danger period in October the hazard was so high the Governor declared a state of emergency and issued a proclamation banning the use of open fires in the forested part of the state.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—Activities in all phases of water resources increased steadily during the year with emphasis on cooperative investigations with cities in obtaining adequate water supplies, and in the determination of normal levels of inland lakes. A comprehensive survey in co-operation with the schools was started to obtain information from individual wells on ground-water levels.

For the first time in history an airplane was used to report the magnetic attractions of the iron formations and the rocks associated with them. Exploration during the year increased the known iron ore reserve by about ten million tons.

Oil and gas production remained at a fairly constant level throughout the year with new discoveries and extensions of old fields balancing the decline in production from the older fields.

GAME—Deer hunting held the spotlight in the 1947 hunting season. Although success varied in different parts of the state, early compilations compute the number of hunters at about the same as in the 1946 season with the kill equal to or slightly lower than in 1946. Approximately 50 per cent more archers hunted than in 1946, but even with 17 counties open to "one deer" hunting, returns to date indicate a light bow and arrow kill. During the past year 14,400 acres of deer yard timber were cut to provide emergency winter deer food.

Use of an airplane was initiated for making game surveys. Flight surveys corroborated other evidence that Michigan's larger waters had more ducks than a year ago, although fine weather combined with a short season and reduced bag limits, lowered hunters' take.

Floods and bad weather during the breeding season contributed to a reduction in the production of wild pheasants which appeared to be about half that of 1946. During the year 11,400 pheasants were released to the field and 123 eggs which produced about 11,000 birds, were distributed for hatching. An increase in the ruffed grouse population was noted. Raccoons were at an all time high, but rabbits were low and the squirrel population dropped an estimated 50 per cent. Investigations and reports on red fox also showed a downward trend.

FISH—Commercial fishermen reported that whitefish reversed its downward trend and made a

come-back. Early estimates placed the catch at 7,000,000 pounds for 1947, an amount exceeded only in 1930, 1931 and 1932, the era of the uncontrolled "deep sub" net when the catch averaged 8,000,000 pounds. Lake trout, with the 1947 catch estimated at slightly over 3,000,000 pounds, probably hit an all time low. Since 1912 the catch has averaged 5,500,000 pounds.

Nearly one million trout of legal length and another million of smaller size were released in the state's waters in 1947. All legal trout were marked by removal of the dorsal fin so they could be identified as hatchery reared fish in the fisherman's catch.

EDUCATION—An innovation in the conservation education program was the first annual scholarship school in which the department co-operated with the Michigan Federated Garden Clubs in giving teachers an opportunity to study conservation first hand and to learn methods of incorporating it in their classroom programs. The department's training school at Higgitt's Lake was in constant use for in-service training and outside groups interested in conservation.

GENERAL OPERATIONS—Sale of fishing licenses passed the million mark to set a new high record. This was the last year before the new schedule of fishing license fees passed by the 1947 Legislature went into effect. Resident fishing licenses will be \$1.50 in 1948 with an additional fee of \$1.00 for trout.

Hunting license raises took effect in 1947. The Legislature raised the resident small game game hunting license to \$2.00 with 50c earmarked for the fox bounty fund and the resident deer hunting license to \$3.50 to help meet the greatly increased cost of operations.

South Branch

Alvin Scott, who has been on the sick list, is much better.

Mrs. Alvin Scott and Mrs. Clare Patch were in Detroit Saturday.

Elmer Blumenschein came home from Bay City Saturday, having had an operation on his eye, following an infection.

The Christmas program at the South Branch Church Sunday evening was well attended and much enjoyed. The teachers entertained the children at supper preceding the program.

Clara's presence at the close of the program delighted the children. The younger children of South Branch Township attended the Christmas party at Grayling, sponsored by the American Legion. The children from the area were taken in the school bus driven by William Varidan.

Roscoe James Funch, who broke his right arm November 10th, has had the cast removed, and now is carrying the injured arm in a sling.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry have been spending some time in Bay City at the home of their son, Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Peterson and children are leaving Wednesday to spend Christmas with their mother at Flat Rock, on their way to Florida for the winter months.

Mrs. Conrad Wehnes, Roy and Gloria, left Tuesday for Chicago to spend Christmas with her father, Mr. F. Lamm, and sister, Miss Bessie Lamm. On the way they will stop in Muskegon to visit the daughter and sister, Mrs. Elvia Richardson. Edward Wehnes will accompany them from Muskegon to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matts spent Sunday and Monday in Bay City with his father, W. J. Matts, and at Vespar with her sister, Mrs. Al Owens.

Arnold Schilbe and his son, John, of Detroit are spending a few days at the Schilbe cabin on the Au Sable.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

CHRONOLOGY OF 1947

DISASTERS

January
1—Five killed when DC-3 transport crashes near Charleston, S. C.
12—Airliner crashes near Carmel, N. J., killing 13, injuring 20.
13—Fifteen miners die in gas explosion in coal mine at Nottingham, Pa.
30—Tornado sweeping through Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri kills 20.

February
18—Twenty-one killed, 128 injured when train plunges over 150-foot embankment in Allegheny mountains near Altoona, Pa.
20—Explosion of tank in electroplating factory in central Los Angeles kills 15, injures 158, demolishes area half mile square.

March
18—Worst mine disaster since 1928 takes toll of 111 lives in Centralia, Ill., explosion.

April
18—Explosion in fireworks plant in Clinton, Mo., kills 20.
20—Airliner crashes near Pampa, Texas, killing 138, injuring 138.
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May
6—Outbreak of infant diarrhea in Philadelphia area causes deaths of 27 babies.
10—Forty-two killed when DC-4 airliner crashes after takeoff at La Guardia field, New York. Seven survive.
11—Airliner crashes near Ft. Deposit, Md., killing all 35 on board.
12—Two crashes rank as worst air disasters in U. S. history.
31—Tornado strikes Leeds, Okla., wrecking town, killing 8.

June
1—Tornado kills 35 in farming section near Pampa, Ark.
1—Mississippi River floods lowlands in northern Missouri, southern Iowa and Illinois, forcing 25,000 to abandon homes. Seven drowned at Ottumwa, Iowa.
13—All on board DC-4 airliner killed when it strikes mountain near Leesburg, Va.
22—Flash flood drowns 11 in Cambridge, Neb.

July
3—Tornado kills 11 near Grand Forks, N. D.
13—Chartered DC-3 transport plane crashes in swamp near Melbourne, Fla., killing 21, injuring 15.
15—Airliner wrecks beauty shop in Harrisonburg, Va. Ten women killed, 30 persons injured.

August
6—Four die when chartered plane dives into chimney of gas plant in Everett, Mass.

September
3—Labor day weekend takes death toll of 456, compared with 457 in 1946.
11—Twenty killed when excursion boat blows up at Pittsburgh dock.
20—Hurricane sweeps in over southern Louisiana, killing 100, many injured.
21—Flood following hurricane drowns 27 in Louisiana.
29—Fire on New York City plane kills 14, injures 144 firemen.
30—Hurricane kills 14 in New York.

October
24—Forty killed when transport plane crashes in Bryce Canyon, Utah.
25—Forest fire in Maine kills 17, destroys 100 homes. Fires rage throughout northeastern states.
28—Transport hits mountain in Alaska, killing 18.

November
13—Army plane hits Mt. Spokane, Wash., killing five men.
21—Nine naval personnel killed, two saved in crash of bomber in Pacific, 100 miles southwest of San Diego, Calif.

DEATHS

January
6—Ovington E. Weller, 84, former U. S. senator.
11—Eva Tanguay, 68, famous vaudeville actress.
12—Charles S. Woolworth, 90, one of founders of store chain.
13—Andrew J. Volstead, 87, former Minnesota congressman who introduced 1919 prohibition act.
15—Grace Moore, 45, opera, radio and screen star, in air crash.
27—Paul P. Harris, 78, founder of Rotary International.

February
3—Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, 60, hero of both World Wars.
6—O. Max Gardner, 84, U. S. ambassador to England.
12—Slingshot (Charles Chan), 50, film star.
15—Harry K. Thaw, 76, wealthy playboy who shot Stanford White.
27—Paul P. Harris, 78, founder of Rotary International.

March
9—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, 83, women's suffrage leader.
17—William C. Durant, 85, founder of General Motors corporation.

April
1—Henry Ford, 85, auto manufacturer.
18—Benjamin Franklin, 81, former world heavyweight boxing champion.
20—King Christian X of Denmark, 78.
24—Willa Cather, 70, famous novelist.

May
4—Martin J. Insull, 78, brother of Samuel Insull, former U. S. senator.
16—Sir Frederick G. Hopkins, 88, biochemist who discovered vitamins.
27—Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, 51, marine hero, leader of "Carlson's Raiders".
31—Adrienne Ames, 38, actress and radio commentator.

June
11—David I. Walsh, 74, former U. S. senator and Governor of Massachusetts.
22—J. Edgar Hoover, 56, novelist and screen writer.

July
12—Rep. Joseph J. Mansfield, 88, Texas congressman since 1916 and oldest member of U. S. House of Representatives.
26—Mrs. Martha E. Truman, 94, President Truman's mother.

August
4—Gipsy R. Smith, 87, noted evangelist.
11—Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, 89, U. S. senator from Mississippi, 1935-47.

September
10—Giovanni H. La Guardia, 84, former mayor of New York City and director general of UNRRA.

October
17—Arthur Hyde, 70, former secretary of agriculture, former governor of Missouri.
30—Gov. Earl Snell of Oregon, 58.

November
4—John G. Winant, 58, former ambassador to England.
22—James J. Davis, 74, secretary of labor, 1931-30.

December
7—Dr. Nicholas M. Butler, 83, president emeritus of Columbia U.
Joseph T. Ryerson, 97, steel magnate.

January
1—Bowling scores:
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February
2—National Collegiate Athletic association bans running shift among football rule changes.
12—Charles Trippi, pro football star, signs to play baseball with Atlanta club.
21—Leland Greenberg signs with Pittsburgh Pirates for \$50,000.
28—Gus Lesnevich, light heavyweight champion, knocked out Billy Fox in title bout in New York.

March
1—Australia to retain cup.
3—N. Y. Giants pro football team beats Eastern College all-stars, 11-0, in New York City.
7—Minor league baseball season ends, Jersey City leads International league, Kansas City, the American association.
22—Brooklyn Dodgers clinch National league pennant, New York Yankees win American league flag.
27—Armed force assault on nation's top race horse. Compete in \$100,000 two-horse race at Belmont Park, N. Y.
28—Ben Hogan wins International golf tourney in Chicago.

October
6—New York Yankees win World series, 18-Arm's record of 32 football games without defeat broken by Columbia.

November
8—Notre Dame defeats Army, 27 to 7.
14—Billy Fox defeats Jake LaMotta by technical knockout in New York.
16—Brooklyn Dodgers buy St. Paul club of American Association.

December
5—Joe Louis retains heavyweight title in split decision over Joe Walcott.
6—Notre Dame beats Southern California, 35 to 7.
13—College of Pacific defeats Utah State 38 to 21 in Grape Bowl grid game.

Top Ten Spot News Stories of 1947

(As selected by nation's weekly editors in Publishers' Auxiliary poll.)

January
1—Marshall plan, including 22 1/2 billion dollar outlay, marks U. S. effort to rehabilitate stricken Europe.
2—Tanker explosion and fire wreck havoc in Texas City, Tex., with death toll of 400.
3—U. S.-Russian disputes hold spotlight in United Nations' quest for world peace.
4—Britain grants India long-sought freedom; rioting and bloodshed prevail.
5—Governorship dispute flares in Georgia, with M. E. Thompson as ultimate victor.
6—Telephone strike ties up communications over widespread area.
7—Price inflation staggers domestic economy.
8—Marriage of Britain's Princess Elizabeth brings royalty into limelight.
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4—Greek government appeals to U. S. for immediate aid.
6—Jewish underground forces battle British soldiers in Palestine.
14—U. S. and Philippines sign treaty granting U. S. 99-year leases for naval bases.
24—Dutch and Indonesian sign treaty recognizing Indonesian Republic with sovereignty by January 1, 1948.

April

1—U. N. grants U. S. strategic trusteeship over former Japanese-mandated islands, the Carolines, Marshall and Mariana groups.
4—Chinese Communist troops kill 8 U. S. marines, wound 18 in raid on isolated mountain camp.
14—Moscow conference ends after 46 days, after reaching agreement on only a few points for Austria and German treaties.
24—Peace negotiations begin between Indo-Chinese, British and French forces.

May

9—Communists ousted from French constitution.
16—Congress passes foreign relief bill providing 500 million dollars for Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland,

SHORT STORY

There's a Light Somewhere

By M. CHRISTOPHER

HAL Myers took his time walking from the house to the stable. There was a light wind ruffling his hair. The air smelled clean, coming up from the river. He could feel the warm sun, feel it burn because during these long months of absence he had grown accustomed to it.

He reached the end of the path and felt for the corner fence post. Proudly he grasped it. It was like a door opening to a light. I've come this far, the rest should be easy, he thought.

He sought for the edge of the stable; the wide door pushed open. He figured that the hinges hadn't been oiled since he had oiled them himself months ago.

That was just before he had taken off on that crucial flight and crashed into a mountain. It had taken two lives, and almost his, too. It took his night but left his memories.

He heard the horse, Michael! The horse remembered him, "Michael!" he whispered tensely.

The horse whinnied. Hal felt the nose touch his outstretched hand.

"You'll fall! How you been, huh?"

Hal sniffed appreciatively. He liked the smell of a horse. It should, for he had practically grown up with it.

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"I'll never ride you again, Mike," he said softly. "I'd probably break my neck. That's what the doc said. That would be foolish, wouldn't it? I'd be a dead duck and not able to touch, 'smell' or hear you." The horse whinnied again and Hal choked. He hadn't realized how much that had meant!

AT THE hospital, with the gauze on his eyes, he had thought of the wonderful days when he used to ride Michael across the meadow and leap the fence. Hal's father had purchased Michael as a colt for racing. Right from the first Michael had won. But a horse gets older. He must quit. Hal had made Michael quit, but he hadn't quit keeping him and loving him. And riding him, too—until now.

He fumbled out of the stable and with groping steps started walking back to the house.

"Hal, wait a minute." It was his father. "I was wondering when you'd hit you like this, son. I know how I'd feel."

"That's all right, Dad," Hal said. "Guess I'm just a kid at heart."

His father chuckled. "I'll pass. Everything's all right. I'll be in the morning sat disconsolately in the living room."

"It's nice outside, son," his father said, quietly. "Why don't you get some sun. You need it on that skin."

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could hear the twitter of sparrows, the faint sound of the river. And he found his way back to the stable and old Michael.

"You're coming with me, old boy!" Hal said.

He groped for the saddle. Could saddle you blindfolded, he used to say. Now to prove it.

He led the horse outside. The fear began to grip him tighter now. He swung himself upon the horse. "Steady, boy!" he whispered. "Steady!"

"Okay, Mike. Let's go. But easy, at first. Let me get the feel of it. Just around the meadow, boy."

The horse started off. Hal felt the graceful move of his body and coordinated his own movements with it. Gradually, Hal made him go faster, each time clinging tighter to the reins in his hands. The wind whipped against his face, and a couple of times he felt himself sway off to one side as Michael plunged to make a turn, his hooves thumping against the hard ground. But he always

righted himself and stayed on. Hal laughed against the wind, laughed loudly, in the sheer joy of riding once again, at the same time prodding Michael to a faster and faster pace.

Presently, a voice shouted through the whistling darkness at him. "Son! For Heaven's sakes, what're you doing? Stop!"

Hal laughed louder. "I'm riding, Dad!" he shouted back. "Riding! Can't you see?"

Council Proceedings

December 12, 1947.

Special meeting.
Meeting called to order by Hayes.

Councilmen present: Gothro, Tufts, Roberts, Burke.

Absent: None.

Visitors present: Don Akers and committee, representing V. F. W. committee.

Attorney Moore read opinion on Griffith claim on Ingham Street at junction of US-27 and recommended payment of \$70.

Moved by Tufts, supported by Gothro, that claim of \$70 by Griffith, be paid.

Yea: Tufts, Gothro, Roberts, Burke, Hayes.

Nay: None.

Akers of V. F. W. wants ice rink built and flood lights. Rink to be 145x125.

Moved by Burke, supported by Gothro, that City of Grayling, in cooperation with V. F. W. in building ice rink and furnish water for rink and flood lights.

Yea: Burke, Gothro, Hayes, Roberts and Tufts.

Nay: None.

Moved by Roberts, supported by Burke, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION
The City of Grayling, Michigan, having made a progress payment, in the amount of \$2,000 to Ayres, Lewis & Morris & May, Consulting Engineers in connection with planning documents for City Hall and Fire Station, Michigan Planning Commission project No. 20-C-10.

Motion made by Chester Lozon and supported by Clare Madsen to approve for payment, the payroll summary in the amount of \$3,147.14 for the month of November 1, 1947 to November 16, 1947. All voting in favor.

Motion carried.
Minutes of last regular and two special meetings were read and approved.

Motion made by Chester Lozon and supported by Clare Madsen to approve for payment the following bills. All voting in favor.

1. Crawford County Road Commission \$3,282.34
2. A. L. Hull 181.38
3. Arthur Feldhauser 14.80
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10. Cadillac Overall Supply Company 5.40
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13. W. C. Tufts 363.63
14. M. M. Richmond 266.28
15. Rasmussen Lumber Company 6.90
16. Myers Motor Sales 20.20
17. Secretary of State 10.77
18. E. R. Burns 2.01

A petition was presented to the Board for the extension of Park Street in the village of Frederic. Said petition was tabled for further action.

Motion made by Clare Madsen and supported by Arthur Feldhauser to adjourn. All voting in favor.

CERTIFICATION
I, Max Davenport, City Clerk of the City of Grayling, Michigan do hereby certify that I have compared the above copy of a resolution with the original of said resolution on file in the office of the City Clerk, and that said copy is a true and correct copy of such original resolution which was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting held on December 12, 1947 of the City Council of Grayling, Michigan.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City this fifteenth day of December, 1947.

Max Davenport, City Clerk.
Yea: Hayes, Gothro, Tufts, Roberts and Burke.
Nay: None.

Bonds opened and read.
1. First of Michigan Corporation \$22,337.84 and 3/4%.

2. Miller, Kenower & Co., of Detroit, Michigan, par plus \$289.40, 1950 to 1959 at 3 1/2% per annum.

3. McDonald Moore & Co., \$82,289.46 at 3 1/2% (3.4802%).

4. Watling, Lerchen & Co., \$20,000, 1950 to 1959 at 2 1/4% per annum.

5. \$22,000, 1960 to 1978 at 3% per annum.

Moved by Tufts, supported by Roberts to adjourn meeting until Monday, December 15, 1947.

Yea: Gothro, Tufts, Roberts, Burke, Hayes.
Nay: None.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Robert Hayes.

Present: Councilmen, Hayes, Burke, Tufts, Gothro and Roberts.

Absent: None.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Hayes that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, a special meeting of this Council was duly called for and held on the 12th day of December, 1947, for the purpose of receiving bids for the sale of City of Grayling Various Improvement Obligations in the amount of \$82,000.00, and

WHEREAS, notice of said special meeting and of the receiving of such bids was heretofore given by publication in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper published and circulated in the City of Grayling, and also by publication in the Michigan Investor, a publication with State-wide circulation, said publication having been made at least 7 days prior to the date of said special meeting, affidavits of said publication being filed with the City Clerk, and,

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Council, after due consideration of said bids, that the bid of Watling, Lerchen & Co., is the most favorable to said City, and that the same has been submitted in accordance with the terms of said notice, published as aforesaid, and it appearing doubtful that a more favorable bid could be obtained at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the bid of Watling, Lerchen & Co. be accepted, and the same is hereby accepted.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to said Watling, Lerchen & Co., and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to cause said bonds to be printed according to the form heretofore specified by this Council, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the City be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to sign said bonds on behalf of said City and to affix thereto the corporate seal of said City and to deliver the same to said Watling, Lerchen & Co.

Yea: Burke, Hayes, Gothro, Roberts, Tufts.

Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Max Davenport, City Clerk.

Road Commissioners Minutes

November 20, 1947.
Regular meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission held at their office in Grayling.

Present: Arthur Feldhauser, Clare Madsen, Chester Lozon.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Arthur Feldhauser.

Minutes of last regular and two special meetings were read and approved.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Horizontal
1 Pouch
2 To blind
3 Percussion instrument
4 Timber tree
5 Pretentious
6 Fold
7 Piece of turf cut for use as fuel
8 Frothing
9 Epic poem
10 Fresh-water fish
11 Pronoun
12 Long medieval dagger
13 To adorn
14 Long-necked birds
15 By
16 Japanese measure
17 For fear that
18 Petrol
19 Inland sea of W. Central Asia
20 Odylle force
21 Slender bristle
22 His 3,000 men defeated
23 50,000 Hindus
24 Two-legged dragon
25 Rubber
26 "Cakes and cream" by W. S. Maugham
27 First state to grant women suffrage
28 Bank of a river
29 To blunder
30 Siberian river
31 Mine entrance
32 To check
33 Caustic substance
34 Fashion
35 Agate
36 Lamprey

Vertical
1 To undermine
2 Ibsen character
3 -- 11, Restoration
4 Symbol for samarium
5 "What glory?"
6 To engrave
7 To stain
8 Drift
9 16 annas
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11 Dance step
12 To warm thoroughly
13 Expert
14 Poetic across
15 Shining
16 Indigent
17 Babylonian deity
18 Cowardly
19 Unit of work
20 Badge
21 To possess
22 Where Crockett was killed

Solution in Next Issue.

No. 11

33 Disposed to laugh
34 Part of "to be"
35 Ancient Scottish tax
36 To exalt the spirit of
37 Eagle's nest
38 He designed St. Paul's

43 Engine of war
44 Artificial language
45 Period of time
46 Compass point
47 Archaic: you
48 Spanish article

Answer to Puzzle Number 10

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favor.
Motion carried.
Arthur Feldhauser, Chairman.
William Ferguson, Clerk.

November 26, 1947.
Special meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Present: Arthur Feldhauser, Clare Madsen, Chester Lozon.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Arthur Feldhauser.

Mr. Moore appeared before the Board in the interest of plowing a road in Section 16 T 27 N, R 1 E.

The superintendent was instructed to investigate said road and report.

Motion made by Clare Madsen and supported by Chester Lozon to adjourn. All voting in favor.

Motion carried.
Arthur Feldhauser, Chairman.
William Ferguson, Clerk.

November 11, 1947.
Special meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission held at their office in Grayling.

Present: Arthur Feldhauser, Clare Madsen, Chester Lozon.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Arthur Feldhauser.

Supt. Hull being on vacation and was not present.

Board discussed the coming winter snow plowing program and finances. Due to the curtailment of County Road funds it is felt that some slowing down of operations may be necessary.

In 1946 Crawford County received \$35,163.00 from the 10% Liquor Law tax which expired May 15, 1947, from January 1, 1947, to May 15, the date of expiration of such law, Crawford County received \$10,921.00 or suffered a loss of income for 1947 of \$24,242.00.

The 1947 Legislature passed a bill increasing the gasoline tax by one cent a gallon, this increase was to replace the funds lost to the Counties by the loss of the Liquor funds, but the law was vetoed by the Governor and therefore the funds are lost by the Counties.

Motion made by Chester Lozon and supported by Clare Madsen to adjourn. All voting in favor.

Motion carried.
Arthur Feldhauser, Chairman.
William Ferguson, Clerk.

November 5, 1947.
Regular meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission held in Grayling.

Present: Arthur Feldhauser, Clare Madsen, Chester Lozon.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Arthur Feldhauser.

Minutes of the last regular and two special meetings read and approved

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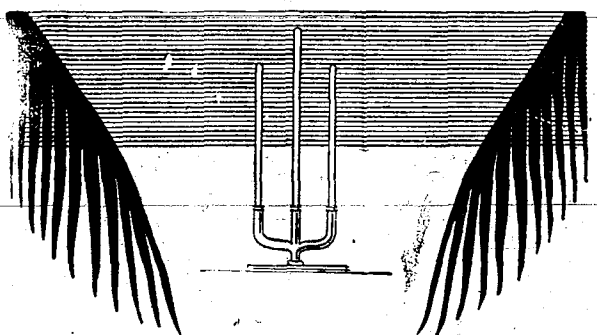
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Bits O' Talk

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Van Vleck left December 30 for Georgia to spend ten days quail and turkey shooting before going on to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to spend the winter. They expect to join the Walter Myers, summer residents here, in Georgia.

Word was received here that the Robert Swett Cronly Joz moved to Lumb, Michigan, from Kalkaska.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Darveau spent Christmas in Detroit and returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hedrick spent Christmas in Cadillac, the guests of their niece and family the Russell Stumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seaman and son, Wayne, of Alpena, are here to spend Christmas as guests of the Earl Burns family.

James McGee spent Christmas with his wife here, the former Margaret Flagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dibble of Traverse City spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels and three children, spent Christmas in Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rasmussen and daughter of Detroit were here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frank May and daughter, Miss Frances.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, Jr., of Racine, Wisconsin, are here to spend Christmas with his parents.

Richard Niederer arrived home from Elgin Field, Florida, December 19, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Niederer.

The Misses Nancy and Barbara Cox and William Cox of Pontiac spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Groves.

They were accompanied by their cousin, Riley Cox, also of Pontiac.

What have you got around your house that needs fixing? No job too large or too small. Call Bill Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith are spending the Christmas holidays in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Elston of Flint spent the week end with their daughter and family, the Robert Strongs.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Allen of Traverse City spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Smith at Lake Margrethe.

The Smiths planned to spend New Years in Lansing.

The Ernest Larson family spent Christmas with Mrs. Larson's mother, Mrs. John Burke, in Fredrick.

Mrs. and Mrs. Whitey-Madsen and daughter, Toni and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Madsen and daughter, Carmen, spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Madsen in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson, Jr., of Bay City, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Billitzke and daughter, Susan, called on the Charles Moore family Wednesday, en route to Cheboygan to spend Christmas.

Ernie Parsons returned home Wednesday after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. H. Sweetwood of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Sweetwood enjoyed the holidays with Mrs. Sweetwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Morden Post and son, Rick, left Wednesday to spend New Years with Mr. and Mrs. George Post and family, also to visit their brother, Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishaw are happy to announce the arrival of a baby daughter on Christmas Eve at Mercy Hospital. She will be known as Suzanne Theresa.

Mr. and Mrs. Emer Rasmussen and daughter, Shirley, of Marquette joined their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ted-Nelson and sons, Earl and Bob, to spend Christmas. Vernon Robinson of Marquette accompanied them and was the guest of their son, Bob.

Army Surplus Arctics, \$1.50 to \$3.50 at Bill's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tetu of West Branch spent Tuesday of last week with his mother and sisters.

Bob Johnson is spending the holidays with his father, C. E. Johnson, "down river."

Miss Jane Ann Martin of Roscommon spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Stealy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper and daughter, Holly, are spending some time in Detroit. Mrs. Piper's mother was their guest for Christmas.

Charles Moore and Esbern Hanson spent Monday in Saginaw on business.

Mrs. Mahoney of Royal Oak is spending several days as the guest of Miss Gloria Moore at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore.

Mrs. Anne Robbyn spent Christmas with her sister and husband, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

Miss Jane Elizabeth Milnes was home from Detroit to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milnes, and brother, Roy Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner of Battle Creek spent the Christmas holidays as guests of the Don Weavers family.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Welsh have purchased the Day house on Michigan Avenue.

Pancake supper, all you can eat, at Masonic Temple, Wednesday, Jan. 14, 5-2 P. M. Adults 60c. Children 40c. Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire and little daughter, Sarah Ellen, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr (Betty Rasmussen) of Traverse City spent Christmas at her parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Nelson of Keesler Field, Miss., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Nelson and family.

Robert E. Nelson of Central Michigan spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cady and son, Stephan, of Pontiac spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Margie Doran. Mrs. Cady and Stephan remained for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Thane Hendershot of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson and Albert Hoffmann.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman of Alpena were Christmas guests of their respective parents, the Adolph Petersons and Albert Hoffmanns.

Gerald Herrick of Potosky spent Christmas at the Alfred Hanson home.

Norman Dawson and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Christmas with her parents, the Earl and Mrs. Ernest Olson spent Christmas as the guest of the A. C. Olson, Sr., family in Detroit.

Little Miss Joan Cinciala celebrated her tenth birthday with a party on Sunday. Games were played and Mary Richardson, Gloria Millikin and Susan Bidia won prizes. Joan received many lovely gifts. Ice cream and cake were served.

The Joseph Cinciala family spent Christmas in Bay City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Getza.

Robert, George, Ann and Agnes Hanson spent Christmas in Detroit as the guests of their sister, Mrs. John Libke and family.

Miss Gloria Clyma accompanied them home to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Trudeau for a week.

Back on the job and ready to repair your shoes. Bring them in today. Bill's Shoe Repair.

Miss Kathryn Peterson of Mt. Morris spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Esther Peterson and had as her week end guest Mathew Zippel of Lansing.

Mrs. Holger Schmidt and sons, Howard and Leavelle, returned Sunday evening from Detroit, where they had spent Christmas with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Langlois and brother, Ray Owen.

Emil Kraus of Detroit joined his family here to spend Christmas. Louis Kraus of the University of Detroit was also home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Libke and family of Detroit expected to spend New Years in Grayling and Gaylord with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brown announce the arrival of a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, born Saturday night, December 27. She weighed eight pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer, Jr. (Mary Schumann) of Saginaw are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, James Kerns, on Christmas Day. The little Christmas package tipped the scales at seven pounds and nine ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady and Bob and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brady spent Christmas in Detroit, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Witham. They were accompanied home on Saturday by Monday, Sally and Richard and Michael Brady. All except Michael, who is on vacation from Wayne University, returned to Detroit on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Day left Thursday for Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to spend a month or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cruz and four children of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth and son of Bay City spent Christmas and a week end with the Paul Feldhauser family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Granger of Kalkaska joined other members of the family for dinner at the Fred Lamm residence on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Short and Axel J. Peterson of Detroit spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Andrew Peterson, and sister, Miss Emma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricketts and two daughters of Detroit were here visiting at the Hayloft.

Miss Gwendolyn Ahman of Saginaw spent Christmas here visiting her grandmothers, Mrs. Thomas Cassidy and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole.

The C. E. Lozens were up to spend some time at their cabin "Wildwood."

The Rialto Theater announces that the reels of the Louis-Wolcott fight will be shown at the theater, December 30 and 31, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Laura McLeod spent Christmas with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder of Ferndale, returning Sunday.

TROOP 6 NEWS

The Girl Scouts of Troop 6 met last Tuesday evening at the Danebald Hall. The girls went Christmas caroling. They returned after

ward for refreshments. The girls also exchanged presents.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 6 wish to thank the Junior Lutheran Aid for giving them a party last Tuesday evening.

Shirley Kolka,
Scribe.

UNUSUAL PROGRAM OF MUSIC

Under the caption, "Religion in Music," the Woman's Association presented a program of extraordinary interest on December 2nd, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York.

Owing to the very large attendance the meeting was held in the Church House Auditorium, on the third floor, which was arranged with care and taste for the occasion. A picture of "The Nativity," by Correggio, suspended from the curtain of the stage, created an atmosphere of worship.

Mrs. Herbert W. Wolff, president of the Association, who had planned and arranged the program, presided.

The musical selection, beginning with that of the Hebrew people, were carefully chosen from the vast storehouse of the centuries.

Mrs. Wolff introduced the various numbers with carefully worded descriptions of the different periods. She also thanked in gracious manner all who had participated.

Mr. Gilbert, the accomplished organist and choir director, played the accompaniments. The benediction, pronounced by Dr. Bonnell, brought to a close a memorable occasion.

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Bits O' Talk

Miss Anna Nielsen of Grand Rapids was a Christmas guest of her mother, Mrs. Julius Nielsen, and sisters, the Misses Olga and Margrethe, and brother, A. J. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lowrie of Mt. Pleasant are home to spend the holidays with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morse at Sylvania and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Junior Palmer are pleased to announce the arrival of a daughter Sunday evening at Mercy Hospital. The little lady weighed seven pounds and six ounces.

Ma and Mrs. Harry Reynolds of Midland, and Richard Reynolds of Flint spent Christmas at the home

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of Mrs. William MacNeven. Tom and Miss Gail Welsh of Marquette and Miss Nellie Welsh of Detroit were home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nawatny spent Christmas and the week end in Battle Creek with relatives.

See the new fully automatic Bendix Washing Machine at B-C-D Equipment Co., Inc., "on the corner."

Roger Giegling spent Christmas evening in Flint as the guest of Miss Shirley Czachorski, who returned to Grayling with him and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis at Lake Margrethe.

Tom Brush of Detroit was a guest of Bob Johnson, for a few days.

Miss Faith Nolan of Midland spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Howard Noland, and brother, Lewis.

Mrs. Edward Penny and son, Dick, spent Christmas in Battle Creek.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook spent Christmas in Alpena with his father, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook.

C. E. Davis left Monday for a visit in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Miss Mildred Smith was home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jappe Smith.

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The "Batch" Andersons had as their Christmas and week end guests their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zerbes and daughter, Gloria, and sister, Mrs. Tracy White, of Detroit.

Mrs. Ralph Morse has returned from Detroit, where she attended the funeral of her brother there. She has the sympathy of her many Grayling friends.

Miss Joyce Bugby of Detroit was home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eggle Bugby. Other members of the family were also on hand for Christmas.

Miss Thelma Hubbell returned Monday, after spending Christmas in Detroit as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice D. Rönne.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis spent Christmas with her brother, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McMann, in Newberry, Michigan.

Frederick and Edward Mason of Detroit spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. A. E. Mason at Lake Margrethe.

The George Schiabales have purchased the Fred Manchester home.

Entertain During Holiday Season

A number of Grayling folks opened their homes to entertain their friends during the Christmas season.

Mrs. Walter F. Truettner invited a number of ladies in for coffee, Saturday from three to five to introduce her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Purdy, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Walter J. Truettner, both of Detroit. Miss Margrethe Bauman and Mrs. Charles Moore assisted the hostess.

Mrs. Bertha Peterson opened her home to some forty-five ladies Saturday afternoon for a lovely Christmas tea. Decorations in keeping with this happy season were used. Mrs. C. R. Keyport, Mrs. Ebbert Hanson, Mrs. A. E. Mason and Mrs. Fred Welsh presided at the tea table. The hostess was assisted by Miss Roseann Kearney of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. William Joseph and Mrs. John Peterson.

Another lovely affair took place at the "down river" home of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith on Sunday afternoon when they opened their home to a good many of their friends. A cheery fire and evergreen decorations furnished a back ground for this informal gathering. Miss Billyann Clippert assisted Mrs. Griffith.

EDMOND RITES

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also served on the county road commission. All was for the benefit of his constituents as he never considered personal sacrifice for betterment of the community which he served.

He is also survived by a daughter, Ruth Van Natter of Cadillac, and two sons, York of Pueblo, Colorado and Rufus J., of Flint.

Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church News

The church held its annual Christmas tree at Danebod Hall on the day after Christmas.

At least 150 children, parents and friends enjoyed a program put on by the Sunday School, a Nativity pageant in which the following took part:

Elaine Tinker, Helen Sorenson, Elton Jehn, Ben Jehn, Beatrice Quinn, Anita SanCartier, Beatrice Kennedy, Jacqueline Griffith, Joan Korhonen, Marilyn Vincent, Nancy Sorenson, Merilee Korhonen, Ronald SanCartier, Dolores Sherman, Donald Akeris, Steve Jorgensen and Dick MacLeod.

Karen SanCartier bid welcome and Elaine Bancroft recited "The Little Bird that Flew Away."

Kindergarten sang "Christmas is a Time of Joy."

First Primary: Sandra Buch, Kay Tinker, Judith Griffith, Donna Harrison, Linda Herling gave a "Candle in the Window" act.

Second Primary A recited Donald Bancroft, "O Christmas, O Christmas, O Blessed Little Star," Charles Garland, Marlene Vinson, Frances Akers, Sally Sherman, Carol Korhonen, Joan Garland, "Christmas Carol," Rodney Hanson, "Someone's Birthday."

Second Primary B gave a "Star of Bethlehem" recitation, the following participating, Judith Sorenson, Robert Houghton, Karen Rasmussen, Gary Gust, Diane Baker, Sandra SanCartier, Steve Jorgensen.

Burwell Griffith and Jacqueline Griffith played "Christmas Mysteries."

Richard Atkinson and Delbert Miller of First Intermediate acted out "Peter Brown's Boy."

Good night and thank you was said by Dick MacLeod and Betty Miller.

The Sunday School children led by their teachers paraded up the basement singing "O Come All Ye Faithfuls" and the program all the children danced around the Christmas tree in two large circles, singing old Christmas songs. Then the gifts were distributed, and while the children sang, ice cream and cookies above the parents and adults enjoyed coffee and refreshments below, enjoying one another's company in a fine Christmas spirit. All together a wonderful evening.

The Lutheran Young People's Society with friends, twelve in all, enjoyed a Christmas party together at Danebod Hall, Friday, before Christmas.

Mrs. Harry Hoel baked cup cakes, and Mrs. Holm ball-park cakes, which disappeared with gusto, together with the "hot" concert and singing, games, and games, lasting an hour and a half. Everybody had a fine time.

The next meeting will be our Christmas discussion meeting, "Merry Christmas," closing with games and refreshments.

Frederic News

Some real winter weather for the holidays. Ed Jungman and Raymond Johnson have returned home from the lakes.

Elroy Barber spent Christmas with his family here, he is now working in New York, and left for there Sunday.

Miss Mary Ellen Madill and Arla Barber are spending a few days visiting in Bay City.

Earl Wallace and wife are visiting relatives in Ohio for the holidays.

Mrs. Nellie Allen spent Christmas with her son, Doyle, and family in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Corsaut of Big Rapids spent Christmas at the E. A. Corsauts.

Glad to learn that Mrs. Ruth Meggs is able to be out again after a severe sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bindshattel of Pontiac visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Duncleley and Mr. and Mrs. George Bindshattel, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen.

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The stork shower that was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Leng was in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Kellogg. She received many lovely gifts. Games were played and a lunch of cake, ice cream and coffee was served.

Benjie Allen, of Bay City, visited his brother, Kenneth, and family here Monday.

Mrs. Harry Horton is spending the holidays with her husband at Center Line, Mich.

Gilbert Cram of Detroit is spending a few days with his wife and friends.

James Payne of Fort Wayne, Ind., was home to spend Christmas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson at Mercy Hospital, Sunday, December 28, a daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Opitz spent the week end at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Duivendyk, he preached Sunday morning and evening. Welcomed back by everyone.

The Christmas program was held at the church Christmas Eve and was well attended.

Mrs. William Vollmer has returned from the hospital much improved.

There will be a waffle breakfast held at the parsonage for the junior of the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hinkle and son spent Christmas week at Jackson, Michigan with relatives and friends.

The E. A. Corsauts are visiting in Port Huron.

Miss Jerry Horton and fiancé of Northville spent a few days at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leng, and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng and son, Teddy, spent Christmas Day with the Leng's brother and sister, Mrs. Mable Lewis of Grayling.

CALVARY CHURCH NEWS

The Christmas program held Tuesday evening, December 22, was a huge success. The children did their parts very well, with recitations, dialogues, songs and choruses.

There was a real spirit of joy and gladness on the part of adults as well as the children. There was a large group of fathers and mothers who I am sure were proud to witness their children taking part in such a splendid way.

The pastor, Rev. Barnes brought a short message at the close after which candy, an orange and a box of crackerjack was given out. All went away happy and rejoicing that they had been there.

Truly I am thankful to God for allowing us the privilege of working with such a lovely group of children, young folks, mothers and fathers.

Mrs. F. D. Barnes.

SOUTH SIDE NEWS

T-7-Jack Boger arrived home the day after Christmas from California to stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boger.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Boger Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Richardson and family of Kalkaska and Earl Jackman of Traverse City spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boger.

Duane Wainwright of Bay City spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence VanAmberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Aden Bennett of Traverse City spent one day last week visiting their daughter, Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox of this city.

Friends and neighbors of Ruff Edmonds of Maple Forest are sorry to learn of his death.

Mrs. Robert Feldhauser and Bobbie went to Pontiac Thursday to spend a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Feldhauser.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Papanus of Roscommon were Christmas guests of the Roy Papanus family. Arlan Hoffman staying to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cram of Lansing were among the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Verlinde.

The T. N. T. club met at the Town Hall, Saturday for an evening of fun.

Lovells Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hartman spent Christmas with relatives in Flint.

George Wilson who has been employed in Detroit, came home with his wife for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Campbell and wife, daughter, Mary, have been visiting with the former's parents, the Bob Stecklings, the past two weeks.

Mrs. Frances Steckling's sister, Miss Frances Steckling of Saginaw, joined the family group for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Mundt spent Christmas in Saginaw with relatives, the J. R. J. family.

The Ray Deloy family are spending the winter in Miami, Florida.

Bob Steckling is driving a new Chevrolet pickup.

Bud Caldwell, who has been in the service of Uncle Sam and stationed in Italy for the past 14 months, was a most welcome guest at home Christmas Eve. Bud was among the last group to reach New York from Italy. Although he has had a wonderful experience, he was glad to be back home again among old friends. He will have many remembrances of sunny Italy.

Emery Craft, who is home on this holiday furlough, was the guest of Bud Caldwell Saturday. Emery is stationed at Boston, Mass.

The annual Christmas dinner party at Lovells Town Hall and sponsored by the Cheerful Giver's Club was a lovely affair, about 80 people attending. A most bountiful chicken dinner was served by the ladies. Children sang Christmas carols and one of the best of Santa's helpers visited them.

Santa Claus was very particular in choosing a helper this year as he was unable to come. He sang and danced with the youngsters and remembered all with gifts, also distributed bags of candy and nuts to each of the children present, but left a plenty to be given the children who were away for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leibold were at their cabin for the past week.

Arthur Feldhauser, who is stationed at Vanderbilt working for the Conservation Department, spent the holidays with his folks.

The Harold Johnson family spent their holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Crosswell, Michigan. Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Proulx and children of Walled Lake enjoyed Christmas in the latter's parental home, the J. E. Kellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stillwagon and daughter, Jeanne, also Mr. J. Vance, all of Plymouth, spent the week of Christmas visiting relatives, stopping at Roscommon where a family dinner was served at the Charles Papanus home. Christmas Eve a Vance family gathering. Then they met with the Stillwagon family of Lovells Christmas Day, where they all enjoyed the gathering together. They returned to Plymouth Saturday, back to their home and duties. They expect to return in the spring and reopen their new store down river near Kellogg Bridge. All will be glad to welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith spent Christmas with relatives in Saginaw.

A birthday dinner was served at the C. Stillwagon home Saturday evening, honoring Mrs. Ruth Caldwell. The Caldwell family being present, also Rosie Bishaw, PaP. Harwood, Martha and Maryda Stillwagon and Dad and Mother Stillwagon. Mrs. Caldwell received some very nice gifts and all had a grand time. The occasion was

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Church were entertained with a Christmas party at the hall on December 21. The children sang Christmas carols, and were served ice cream and cake and Santa Claus gave them all some treats.

Mrs. Liland Smock was chairman of the party and was assisted by Mrs. William Hall, Mrs. Harold Rasmussen, Mrs. Richard Lovely and Mrs. Jesse Bohemeyer.

Maple Forest

Last Tuesday evening over 70 people assembled at the Town Hall to take part in the Community Christmas party. The hall was prettily decorated with boughs and the traditional red and green.

The beautiful Christmas tree, provided by Ernest Lozon, was a picture with its colored lights and numerous decorations. Games for the children started off the evening followed by community singing of the seasonal songs.

After the potluck lunch every one present received a box of candy and nuts with most of the children getting an extra box and the small children who were not there were sent boxes. The Home Extension Club, Groups I and II, assisted by the T. N. T. were responsible for this happy evening.

Mrs. Charles Owen and sons, Dick and David, went to Detroit for a few days prior to Christmas, returning with Mr. Owen to spend the holidays here at the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Habbitt went to spend the holidays with her sister near Grand Rapids.

The community mourns with Mrs. Edmonds, her husband's death.

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